Supply of power by NTPC from Barh plant

832. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has signed Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) with Maharashtra and Goa for supplying electricity from its Barh plant in Bihar;

(b) whether PPA was signed by representatives of NTPC, Government of Goa and the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. in Mumbai;

(c) whether this is the first PPA signed by the company for supply of power from the second phase of its Barh Plant, which is scheduled to be completed by 2012; and

(d) to what extent it would be helpful for the Maharashtra Government to meet the power shortage in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For Barh Stage-I project (1980 MW), NTPC Ltd. has signed Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL) on 09.03.2006. For Barh-II project (1320 MW), NTPC Ltd. has signed PPAs with Government of Goa and MSEDCL on 12.07.2007.

(c) No, Sir. PPAs for Barh Stage II project have already been signed with Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board (CSEB) and Madhya Pradesh Power Trading Company (MPTRADECO) on 18.05.2007 and 22.06.2007, respectively.

(d) Allocation of power from Barh I & II is to be made at the time of synchronization according to the prevailing Central formula/guidelines which will help to meet the power shortage in the State.

Electrification of villages in Rajasthan

833. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Rajasthan and how many of them have been electrified under RGGVY, till date;

(b) the average annual performance, during the last three years;

(c) whether the target of 100 per cent electrification by 2009 could be achieved at this pace; and

(d) for how many hours uninterrupted power supply is assured per day to a remote village in vast stretching desert of the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) As per 2001 census, there are 39,753 inhabited villages in Rajasthan. Rural Electrification works have been carried out in 1,327 unelectrified villages and in 570 electrified villages for intensive electrification in Rajasthan under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) uptill 10.08.2007.